

The Natural Resources program of Salina Parks & Recreation is committed to providing opportunities for our community to discover and enjoy the natural world that is right in our "backyard." The Natural Resources staff strives to bring the public a variety of outdoor skill and environmental classes designed to create and nurture curiosity and interest in the outdoors. We hope that by providing these opportunities to learn about our world, we will promote a better understanding as well as appreciation of our natural environment.

LAKWOOD DISCOVERY CENTER & INDIAN ROCK NATURAL AREA

Lakewood Discovery Center

What's inside? Lakewood Discovery Center offers the public an up close and personal view of our native plants and wildlife. We have many animal ambassadors for you to meet, as well as various animal mounts displayed in natural settings. Our library features numerous resources on natural and biological subjects, which are available to be checked out to the public. Investigate the rest of the Center, where there is something to see and learn around every corner. Learn about insects, mammals, owls, earth sciences, birds, reptiles and amphibians, the senses, and much, much more. Come explore our educational displays and discover something new about your natural world!

What's outside? Lakewood Discovery Center is located in Lakewood Park and is surrounded by 99 acres of woods, prairie, and lake. We are proud to be the guardians of Salina's Urban Wildlife Sanctuary, which offers a safe haven for the wildlife within city limits. Within the Sanctuary you will find nature trails winding through various habitats, including wooded canopy, sandy shoreline, meandering river channel, and a restored native prairie area. Just outside the Center, you will find herb, wildflower, and butterfly gardens as well as bird and squirrel feeders, all which attract wildlife and give you a chance to see the animals up close. For a more in-depth experience, you may call and schedule nature walks and/or tours Monday – Friday. *To schedule a program, please call 826-7335.* We will also be happy to answer any questions you may have. When scheduling a program, please call at least two weeks in advance.

Indian Rock Natural Area

Once the site of a Native American battle in 1857, this natural area located in Indian Rock Park now provides the public with an opportunity to explore a variety of habitats. Indian Rock Nature Trail is designed to introduce you to these diverse habitats as it makes its way through scenic rock bluffs, woodland, lakeshore, and restored prairie. Along the eastern edge of this prairie, you can overlook the mighty Smoky Hill River as it passes below. From there, follow the paths to the top of Indian Rock Hill for a spectacular view of Salina and the surrounding area, or to its base, the site of our two-acre fishing lake. The Indian Rock Natural Area is being maintained to recall the land as it may have been when the settlers first came to this spot in the 1858. To learn more about its geology, plants and animals, as well as its place in history, you may partake in a self-guided tour by using the trail brochures, which can be picked up at Lakewood Discovery Center. If you would like a guided nature walk of the Indian Park Nature Trail, please call and schedule with the Lakewood Discovery Center at 826-7335. Remember to schedule at least two weeks in advance. To reserve the Indian Rock Lodge, please call the main Parks & Recreation office at 309-5765.

Park Regulations

Park Hours: 5:00 a.m. – 12 midnight

Pets must be leashed at all times.

No swimming, camping, or open fires.

No internal combustion engines on the lakes.

Fishing license required. All state regulations apply. Length and creel limits are posted.

Stay on maintained trails. Bikes, horses, and motorized vehicles are not allowed on the trails.

Respect the plants and animals of the Urban Wildlife Sanctuary and Natural Area by leaving them in place and not vandalizing or destroying them.



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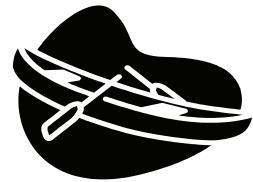
Programs are at Lakewood Discovery Center, unless otherwise noted. Age requirements for all activities are indicated. If a grade requirement is indicated, it will be the grade in which the student is currently enrolled or has just completed. Registration for Natural Resource programs is explained on pages 4 and 5. When participating in a program, be sure to dress for the weather and wear closed-toed, sturdy, comfortable shoes. Please call the Natural Resources staff at 826-7335 if you have any questions regarding the following programs.

FAMILY NATURE SERIES

Family Canoe Nights

Enjoy a peaceful evening of canoeing on the waters of Lakewood. This is a great opportunity to practice an old skill or learn a new one. Life jackets and paddles will be provided. We will meet at the Lakewood Discovery Center. **IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL LAKEWOOD DISCOVERY CENTER (826-7335).**

When: Monday, September 10th **OR** Monday, October 8th
Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Limit:: 3 per canoe
Fee: \$5.00 per person



Campfire Stories

Join the spirits of the woods as we enjoy a fun-filled evening of storytelling and folklore. The Lakewood staff will share ghostly stories, urban legends, and folktales that celebrate Kansas' facts and fictions. Our history is filled with silly and exciting events that are often forgotten until they are passed on through storytelling around the campfire. We will also have ooey-gooey treats and refreshments while listening to these tales of the past.

When: Thursday, October 11
Time: 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Limit: 30 participants (all ages welcome)
Fee: \$3.00 per person

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Pumpkin Fest

Join us as we celebrate Autumn and the coming of Halloween with our Pumpkin Fest activities, including Jack-O-Lantern carving, caramel apples, and witches' brew. We will provide the pumpkins, designs, and carving equipment. All you need to bring is your artistic ability and a spirit of fun.

When: Tuesday, October 23 **6003.204** **OR** Thursday, October 25 **6003.205**
Time: 6:30-8:00pm
Limit: 20 participants each night (all ages welcome)
Fee: \$5.00 per pumpkin

FAMILY NATURE SERIES (Cont'd.)**Campfire Cooking****6003.301**

Tired of the same old thing on the grill? Campfire cooking can be so much more than hotdogs and hamburgers. Join us for an old-fashioned cookout with a modern twist! We'll spend the evening cooking over an open fire and demonstrate a variety of cooking methods. We will also share some of our favorite dishes and "top-secret recipes" as you dine on our culinary creations.

When: Thursday, November 8
 Time: 6:00-7:30 pm
 Limit: 20 participants (all ages welcome)
 Fee: \$5.00 per person

**LAKEWOOD TRIPS****American History & Fall Foliage Tour****6103.102**

A classic autumn adventure tour is just around the corner for you and your friends. Our tour scheduled for September 18-24 is packed with historical features and the beautiful fall landscapes of the New England countryside.

We will travel to Washington D.C. to tour the Capitol Building, White House, Arlington Cemetery, and Mount Vernon. A bus tour will charter us around the city at our leisure as we enjoy our American heritage. There will also be free time to explore all of the other awe-inspiring national landmarks like the Smithsonian, Library of Congress, National Monuments, & National Archives (Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights)

Then we will head for our next destination aboard the Vermonteer train, bound for beautiful upper Vermont. Our trek will take us through many other scenic states including Maryland, Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, allowing us to view some of the greatest fall landscapes in America from the comfort of our cabin seats. In addition to the natural splendor of the countryside, we will travel through many of our nation's largest cities, including Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York.

Later that evening we will arrive in Burlington, Vermont and check in to our hotel to relax. We will explore this classic Vermont town on the shores of beautiful Lake Champlain, home of the fabled lake monster, Champ. Burlington is also the home of Ethan Allen, which the University of Vermont features in a museum on campus. We will tour the shoreline of the lake on a guided boat tour, learn about the history of the region, and view the fall foliage that makes this area so famous. We will also browse through the Church Market Square in old Downtown for authentic Vermont products. The next day we will return to Washington D.C. for our return to Salina. **NOTE: This trip is full but interested persons may be added to the waiting list.**

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WILD BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Looking for a new and unique way to celebrate your child's birthday? Lakewood Discovery Center has just that! We offer a variety of programs that are not only educational, but also entertaining and fascinating for everyone. Come and celebrate your special day with us!

Who: Young persons ages 4 and up (some age restrictions apply for certain programs)

When: Parties available Monday - Thursday with starting times between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Reservations may be made by contacting Lakewood Discovery Center at 826-7335. Please reserve at least two weeks in advance.

What: The program will be 1½ hours. Approximately 1 hour is reserved for the activity and a half-hour for gifts and treats, although this schedule can be flexible.
Persons reserving the program shall provide the treats, decorations, and gifts.

Fee: A fee of \$25 or \$30 will be required for the program, depending on program chosen.
A \$2.00 fee will be applied for each child above the number of 15, up to a maximum of 20 children.



**\$25.00
Birthday Party Activities**

**\$30.00
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Creature Feature: Meet the animal ambassadors of Lakewood! We will be getting up close and personal with some of our animal friends, such as turtles, frogs, toads, salamanders, lizards, and snakes, to learn about the amazing ways they eat, hide and protect themselves in the wild.



Nature Walk: Explore the trails at Lakewood with us! Our Urban Wildlife Sanctuary offers lots to see and discover! We will learn about the trees, plants and animals that make Lakewood their home. Who knows what we will see?

Lakewood Games: We all love to play games. How about games that help us learn about nature? Even better! Together we will play a variety of nature-oriented games that are fun and educational. (Ages 7 & Up)

Weird Science: Whoa! Cool! This is what you will hear as we wow and amaze partygoers with volcanoes, rockets, and much more. Come learn with us as we perform science experiments with ordinary household items. (Ages 7 & Up)



Canoeing: Come and cruise the waters of Lakewood! We will start with basic canoeing skills, then hit the water ready for fun! (Offered May 1 - August 31, ages 10 and up)

Archery: Learn the basics of archery, then try your best Robin Hood imitation here at the archery range in our forest! (Offered May 1 - August 31, ages 10 and up)

Bubble Magic: Pop! Kids love bubbles! We will explore how bubbles work and then see how many different ways we can make them and play with them. (Offered May 1 - August 31)